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TOP SECRET 041102Z CITE [REDACTED]

25X1 PRIORITY [REDACTED]

25X1 [REDACTED]

25X1 GENERAL BACALIS FROM [REDACTED]

25X1 1. [REDACTED] APPEARED TO HAVE A GOOD MISSION. REPORTING, GENERATION, DEPARTURE AND RECOVERY ALL WENT AS PROGRAMED.

2. ROUTE WAS FLOWN AS BRIEFED ALTHOUGH PILOT WAS CAUTIONED TO PLAY THE FUEL CONSERVATIVELY BECAUSE OF QUESTIONABLE RECOVERY

25X1 WEATHER AT [REDACTED] ARTICLE FILLED TO BETTER THAN 67,000 ON EACH AIR REFUELING AND WITH STABLE COOL TEMPERATURES ALOFT CURVES WERE EXCELLENT. PILOT ENTERED DENIED ON FIRST PENETRATION AT ABOUT 79.5M AND AT 78.0M ON THE SECOND. CITS REMAINED ABOUT 370 AT 3.1 TRUE KEEPING DOORS OPTIMIZED DURING CRUISE.

3. WEATHER IN TARGET AREA WAS APPROXIMATELY AS FORECAST. GOOD AND CLEAR IN THE HANOI AND HAIPHONG AREAS. REALLY SWEATING [REDACTED] WEATHER AS IT INTERMITTENTLY WENT AS LOW AS 300 FEET AND LESS THAN ONE MILE. HOWEVER, BASE WAS IN GOOD SHAPE FOR RECOVERY.

25X1 4. PACKAGE APPEARED TO OPERATE AS ADVERTISED. PILOT ACTUALLY

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MATIC DOWNGRADING

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TURNED CAMERA ON ONE MINUTE LATE DURING FIRST PASS BECAUSE ARTICLE
WAS STILL IN BANK DUE TO SLIGHT OVERSHOOT; THIS IS STANDARD POLICY
AS FAR AS CAMERA OPERATION IS CONCERNED. TOOK ABOUT 2500 FEET.

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5. AIRCRAFT WAS EXCELLENT MAINTENANCE WISE.

[REDACTED]

7. A-50 STILL A MAJOR LOGISTICS PROBLEM BUT UNDERSTAND THE
REASONING BEHIND AT LEAST GIVING IT A TRY. TANKERS ALMOST FORCED
TO BURN A-50 IF THERE IS ANY DELAY BY RECEIVER. AND SAC STILL NOT
AUTHORIZING USE EXCEPT IN EMERGENCY. DOWNLOADED APPROXIMATELY
450,000 POUNDS AND UPLOADED APPROX 550,000 POUNDS IN PREPARATION
FOR TODAYS MISSION.

8. ANY CHANCE OF US SHOOTING THE GAP BETWEEN THE MAINLAND AND
HAINAN IN THE NEAR FUTURE. AND STILL HOPING FOR A GO AT NK.

9. CHEERS AND WHEN DO WE HEAR FROM THE BIG COMMITTEES ON
STATUS?

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